

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

KENNETH L. MARTIN,

Plaintiff

Case No. 3:22-cv-00100-ART-CSD

ORDER

v.

JOHN HALKI, et al.,

Defendants

This action is a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a former state prisoner. In compliance with this Court's order and following his release from prison, Plaintiff has applied to proceed in this action without prepaying fees or costs. (ECF Nos. 31, 32). Based on the financial information provided, the Court grants Plaintiff leave to proceed without prepayment of fees or costs under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1).¹

On July 7, 2022, the Court entered a screening order. (ECF No. 13). The screening order imposed a 120-day stay, which was later extended, and the Court entered a subsequent order assigning the case to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 13, 15, 25). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement was not reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 30).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's application to proceed in district court without prepaying fees or costs (ECF No. 32) is **GRANTED**.

2. Plaintiff is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

3. The Clerk of the Court will electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 14) on the Office of the Attorney General of the

¹ Plaintiff is not subject to the requirements of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2), (b) because he is no longer a "prisoner" within the meaning of the statute. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(h).

1 State of Nevada, by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket
2 sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

3 4. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order.
4 See Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

5 5. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 13) within **twenty-**
6 **one (21) days** of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney General's Office will file a
7 notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of (a) the names of the defendants for whom it
8 accepts service, (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service,
9 and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address
10 information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney
11 General's Office cannot accept service, the Office will file, *under seal*, but will not serve
12 Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such
13 information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney
14 General's Office will attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

15 6. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
16 will file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
17 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
18 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
19 information, Plaintiff will provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

20 7. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
21 defendant(s), such defendant(s) will file and serve an answer or other response to the
22 complaint (ECF No. 14) within **sixty (60) days** from the date of this order.

23 8. Plaintiff will serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered
24 by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other document
25 submitted for consideration by the Court. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with
26 the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P.
27 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. Loc. R. IC 4-1(b); Nev. Loc. R. 5-1. However, if Plaintiff mails the
28 document to the Court, Plaintiff will include with the original document submitted for filing

1 a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was mailed to
2 the defendants or counsel for the defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of
3 appearance, Plaintiff will direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of
4 appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court may disregard
5 any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge that has not been filed with
6 the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk
7 that fails to include a certificate showing proper service when required.

8 9. This case is no longer stayed.

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10 DATED THIS 6th day of July 2023.

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12 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE